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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ORGANIZATION ACT

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An Act to establish a Department of Energy in the executive branch by the reorganization of energy functions within the Federal Government in order to secure effective management to assure a coordinated national energy policy, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Department of Energy Organization Act".

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DELEGATION

SEC. 642. Except as otherwise expressly prohibited by law, and except 42 USC 7252.
as otherwise provided in this Act, the Secretary may delegate any of
his functions to such officers and employees of the Department as he
may designate, and may authorize such successive redelegations of such
functions within the Department as he may deem to be necessary or
appropriate.

REORGANIZATION

SEC. 643. The Secretary is authorized to establish, alter, consolidate 42 USC 7253.
or discontinue such organizational units or components within the
Department as he may deem to be necessary or appropriate. Such
authority shall not extend to the abolition of organizational units or
components established by this Act, or to the transfer of functions
vested by this Act in any organizational unit or component.

RULES

SEC. 644. The Secretary is authorized to prescribe such procedural 42 USC 7254.
and administrative rules and regulations as he may deem necessary
or appropriate to administer and manage the functions now or here-
after vested in him.

SUBPENA

SEC. 645. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, 42 USC 7255.
the Secretary, or his duly authorized agent or agents, shall have the
same powers and authorities as the Federal Trade Commission under
section 9 of the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to all 15 USC 49.
functions vested in, or transferred or delegated to, the Secretary or
such agents by this Act.

CONTRACTS

SEC. 646. (a) The Secretary is authorized to enter into and perform 42 USC 7256.
such contracts, leases, cooperative agreements, or other similar trans-
actions with public agencies and private organizations and persons,
and to make such payments (in lump sum or installments, and by way
of advance or reimbursement) as he may deem to be necessary or
appropriate to carry out functions now or hereafter vested in the
Secretary.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, no authority
to enter into contracts or to make payments under this title shall be
effective except to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in
advance in appropriation Acts.

ACQUISITION AND MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY

SEC. 647. The Secretary is authorized to acquire (by purchase, lease, 42 USC 7257.
condemnation, or otherwise), construct, improve, repair, operate,
and maintain laboratories, research and testing sites and facilities,
quarters and related accommodations for employees and dependents
of employees of the Department, personal property (including pat-
ents), or any interest therein, as the Secretary deems necessary; and
to provide by contract or otherwise for eating facilities and other
necessary facilities for the health and welfare of employees of the
Department at its installations and purchase and maintain equipment
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